

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 221), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4993**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2019; that following disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska; and that if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed at 3 p.m. **Page S5009**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. **Page S5019**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. EX. 220), Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense. **Pages S4993, S5025**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. **Page S5025**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—224) **Pages S4993, S4998**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5019.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHALLENGES FOR CANNABIS AND BANKING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine chal-

lenges for cannabis and banking, focusing on outside perspectives, after receiving testimony from Senators Gardner and Merkley; Rachel Pross, Maps Credit Union, Salem, Oregon, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Garth Van Meter, Smart Approaches to Marijuana, Alexandria, Virginia; and Joanne Sherwood, American Bankers Association, and John Lord, LivWell Enlightened Health, both of Denver, Colorado.

WORKING WATERFRONTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather concluded a hearing to examine America's waterfronts, focusing on addressing economic, recreational, and environmental challenges, after receiving testimony from Mayor Eric Genrich, Green Bay, Wisconsin; Michael J. Friis, Wisconsin Department of Administration Coastal Management Program, Madison; Lynn Clark, Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo, Pueblo, Colorado; and Monty Graham, University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach.

FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States' interests in the Freely Associated States, after receiving testimony from Douglas Domenech, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Insular and International Affairs; Randall G. Schriver, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs; Sandra Oudkirk, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Islands, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

ELDER JUSTICE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting elder justice, focusing on a call for reform, after receiving testimony from Megan H. Tinker, Senior Advisor for Legal Affairs, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Robert B. Blancato, Elder Justice Coalition, Mark Parkinson, American Health Care Association, and Lori Smetanka, National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, all of Washington, D.C.

FBI OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 51 public bills, H.R. 3876–3926; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 507–508, 510–514 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2942, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–166, Part 1);

H.R. 1307, to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–167, Part 1);

H.R. 549, to designate Venezuela under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Venezuela to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–168);

H.R. 2938, to exempt from the calculation of monthly income certain benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense (H. Rept. 116–169);

H.R. 3304, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days (H. Rept. 116–170);

H.R. 3311, to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–171);

H.R. 3409, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–172);

H.R. 3375, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibitions on making robocalls, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–173);

H.R. 2507, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–174);

H.R. 2035, to amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–175);

H.R. 776, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program (H. Rept. 116–176);

H.R. 1058, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–177); and

H. Res. 509, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 397) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a Pension Rehabilitation Trust Fund, to establish a Pension Rehabilitation Administration within the Department of the Treasury to make loans to multiemployer defined benefit plans, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3239) to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to perform an initial health screening on detainees, and for other purposes; providing for proceedings during the period from July 29, 2019, through September 6, 2019; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–178).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Dean to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: